

**Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament
on Palliative Care**

Convener
Bob Doris MSP

Vice-Conveners
Miles Briggs MSP
Emma Harper MSP
Colin Smyth MSP

Secretary
Mark Hazelwood

**Approved Minute of the meeting of the Cross-Party Group
in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care**

**Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 5.45pm
Committee Room 4, Scottish Parliament**

Present:

Emma Harper MSP (Chair)
Mark McDonald MSP
John Budd, GP, Edinburgh Access Practice
Sandra Campbell, NHS Forth Valley
Emma Carduff, Marie Curie
Pat Carragher, CHAS
Rev Margery Collin, Strathcarron Hospice
Margaret Mary Cowan, Kilbryde Hospice
Hilary Ford, Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh
Hilary Gardner, St Columba's Hospice
Caroline Gibb, SPPC
Mark Hazelwood, SPPC
Sue Hogg, CHAS
Fiona Kerr, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Jane Killen, Kilbryde Hospice
Donald Macaskill, Scottish Care
Sine MacDonald, Kilbryde Hospice
Helen Malo, Hospice UK
Irene McKie, Strathcarron Hospice
Richard Meade, Marie Curie
John Miller, Action Duchenne
Kelly Moffat, Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh
Gillian Noble, NHS Lothian Edinburgh Access Practice
Rami Okasha, CHAS
Rebeca Patterson, SPPC
Joy Rafferty, Strathcarron Hospice
Gillian Sherwood, PPW Hospice
Caroline Sime, SPPC
Juliet Spiller, Marie Curie
Ellie Wagstaff, Marie Curie
Susan Webster, MND Scotland

Apologies:

Bob Doris MSP
Miles Briggs MSP
Colin Smyth MSP
Iain Armstrong, British Heart Foundation Scotland
Paul Baughan, NHS Forth Valley
Lara Celini, Humanist Society Scotland
Elaine Colville, NHS Tayside

Apologies:

Derek Doyle, SPPC
Elinor Jayne, Sue Ryder
Isabel Marr, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Collette McDiarmid, MND Scotland
Linda McEnhill, Ardgowan Hospice
Kirsty McQuarrie, NHS Tayside
Maureen O'Neill, Faith in Older People
Iona Philp, NHS Tayside
Ros Scott, Volunteering Researcher and Consultant
Helen Simpson, ACCORD Hospice
Elaine Stevens, IANPC
Susan Webster, MND Scotland

Action:

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Emma Harper MSP explained that the Convenor of the group, Bob Doris MSP, had to send his apologies to the meeting. Emma Harper had agreed to Chair the meeting in his absence. She highlighted that today sees the 20th AGM of this cross party group, which means it has been running for twenty years.

2. Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers

2.1 Minute of AGM of 5 September 2018

The group approved as a correct record the unapproved minute of the previous year's AGM held on Wednesday 5 September 2018.

2.2 Annual Return & Accounts 2018-2019

The group approved the Annual Return & Accounts 2018-2019 for submission to the Standards Committee.

2.3 Annual Subscription 2019-20

It was agreed that there will be no annual subscription for the upcoming year.

2.4 Election of Office Bearers

2.4.1 Election of Convenor:

Bob Doris had indicated a willingness to continue as Convenor. Bob Doris was re-elected as Convenor. (Nominated by Emma Harper, Seconded by John Miller.)

2.4.2 Election of Vice Convenors:

It was noted that Colin Smyth MSP and Miles Briggs were willing to continue as Vice-Convenors of the cross-party group, and Mark McDonald was willing to become a Vice Convenor. All three were elected as Vice Convenors (Mark McDonald nominated by John Miller, seconded by Irene McKie; Colin Smyth nominated by Mark McDonald, seconded by Pat Carragher; Miles Briggs nominated by Mark McDonald, seconded by Sandra Campbell.)

2.4.3 Election of Secretary/Treasurer: Mark Hazelwood was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer of the Cross-Party Group.

3 Matters arising from Wednesday 5 June 2019

The group approved as accurate the minute from the meeting of 5 June 2019.

4. Presentations and Discussion:

Homelessness and Palliative and End of Life Care

The following presentations were given:

- **People who are homeless and need palliative care – UK and Scottish Context:** Dr Joy Rafferty, Strathcarron Hospice

- **Hospice Collaboration on Single Homelessness in Lothian:** Hilary Ford, Hospice Manager, Marie Curie
- **St Columba's Hospice - Homeless Services ECHO Network:** Hilary Gardner, Community CNS/ECHO Lead
- **Marie Curie Hospice – Pathway to specialist palliative care for single homelessness in Lothian:** Kelly Moffat, Clinical Nurse Specialist
- **The work of the Edinburgh Access Practice:** Dr John Budd, GP, Edinburgh Access Practice.

Presentations were followed by an opportunity for group discussion, which included the following issues:

- Homelessness is rising, as are drug-related deaths. 80% of drug-users over the age of 35 have a history of homelessness.
- 'SPICT for all' is being used by the ECHO network.
- Consideration of whether the term 'frail' might be of use in this context.
- Those providing peer support could be considered 'carers'.
- The important role played by the voluntary sector in the projects outlined above.
- The need for more money to support this work.
- The need for care planning to be done in parallel with considerations such as planning rehabilitation and housing.
- The ACES cross party group might be interested in this issue.
- Homeless people have experiences to share that can inform palliative care services.
- The potential to have a joint cross party group meeting, perhaps with the health inequalities cross party group.
- The growth in older alcohol addiction and the need for a helpful response to this that recognises the care and support needs of older people who have long-term alcohol addiction.

ACTION: Emma Harper will update Bob Doris on the issues with a view to exploring the possibility of raising awareness of some of these issues, potentially through a letter to Joe Fitzpatrick (Minister for Public Health, Sport & Wellbeing) or a motion for debate in parliament.

Emma Harper

ACTION: SPPC will circulate speaker presentations

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4 Any other business

No further business was discussed.

5. Dates of Cross-Party Group Meetings in 2019

Wednesday 04 December: Committee Room 4